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JULY 27 EC COMMISSION SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT THE
PRECEDING DAY THE COMMISSION APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS TO
THE EC COUNCIL REGARDING LENGTH OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD
FOR GREEK ACCESSION. COMMISSION IS PROPOSING A FIVE-YEAR
TRANSITION FOR MOST SECTORS. DURING THAT TIME, GREECE
WILL BE EXPECTED TO ADAPT TO MOST COMMUNITY REGULATIONS
AND TO RECEIVE THE FULL BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP.
HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION PROPOSES THAT THERE BE A SEVEN-
YEAR TRANSITION FOR IMPLEMENTING SOME IMPORTANT MEASURES
IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND IN THE CUSTOMS SECTOR,
APPARENTLY INCLUDING GREECE'S FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
COMMUNITY'S COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF. THE COMMISSION HAS
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ALSO SUGGESTED THAT SOME FLEXIBILITY BE BUILT INTO THE
TRANSITION PERIOD BY HAVING THE EC COUNCIL EXAMINE, AT
THE END OF THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF THE TRANSITION,
GREECE'S GENERAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE PROGRESS OF
GREEK INTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY, TO DETERMINE
WHETHER AN ADDITIONAL EIGHTH YEAR SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE
OVERALL TRANSITION FOR THE DIFFICULT SECTORS. UNDER THE

COMMISSION PROPOSAL, A QUALIFIED MAJORITY VOTE BY THE EC
COUNCIL WOULD DECIDE WHETHER AN EIGHTH YEAR IS NECESSARY,
AND THE COUNCIL ITSELF COULD MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES
IN THE TRANSITIONAL CALENDAR. HINTON

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